



Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

# St John's Catholic Parish

Brunswick Valley

*"I am here among you as one who serves." Luke 22:27*



## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

## Reflection

Drawing attention to the faithful gratitude of the Samaritan, a 'foreigner', Jesus shows us that faith is not the preserve of any one culture. Similarly, Pope Leo encourages us to welcome those who turn back to Jesus in our own times and places.

Unfortunately, as the Pope points out, such seekers are not always met with 'adequate language and forms in the usual pastoral offerings.' Sometimes, our evangelising programs and attitudes are much better at putting off than attracting!

We know from experience, the Pope says, that 'various people who seem to be distant from the faith often return to knock on the doors of the Church, or open themselves to a new search for spirituality.' Such people should always find a welcoming spirit and openness to the stranger.

Authentic evangelisation always welcomes the seeker. As the Pope says, we are all called to become people 'who know how to share the journey, the questions, the anxieties and the hopes' of those around us. We should learn to walk with those who hope to walk with us.

After all, prejudice does not belong in the toolkit of Christianity. Like the bishops to whom Pope Leo offered this advice, may we all have the grace 'to walk in humility and prayer' with our fellow companions on the way, whoever they may be, and wherever we may find them.

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**12 October 2025**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time,**  
**Year C**

**1st Reading:**  
2 Kings 5:14-17

**Psalm:**  
(R.) *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

**2nd Reading:**  
2 Timothy 2:8-13

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel:**  
Luke 17:11-19



**Next weeks**  
**readings**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time,**  
**Year C**

**1st Reading:**  
Exodus 17:8-13

**Psalm:**  
Ps 120. R.v2

**2nd Reading:**  
2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

**Gospel:**  
Luke 18:1-8

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**Our Church's**

St John's Church Mullumbimby  
Our Lady of Lourdes Brunswick  
Heads

**ROSTERS 16 & 19 October**

**O.L.O.L. 16 October**  
Reader: Frances G  
Minister of  
Communion: Carolyn S

**St John's 19 October**  
Reader: Gemma B  
Minister of  
Communion: Lisa De C

**BULLETIN ARTICLE**  
**DEADLINE**

Please send in any notices or  
information for the Bulletin by  
Tuesday 5pm  
[mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au)  
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*With thanks Charmaine*

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*Thank you for your continued Parish financial support*  
*Fr David Gilbey*

**Weekday Masses**  
**O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads**  
Thursday 5.30pm

**St John's Mullumbimby**  
Sunday 8am

**Weekday Liturgy**  
**O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads**  
Christian Meditation  
Tuesday 9.30am  
Wednesday Adoration  
6pm-7pm

**St John's Mullumbimby**  
Friday Adoration  
9am -10am

**O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads**  
Reconciliation  
Thursdays 5pm—5.20pm

**SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS TRAINING**  
**AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH**

Our Parish will be hosting *Safeguarding Awareness Training*  
Presented by: *The Diocese Safeguarding Office*  
Date: **5 November 2025**  
Time: **10:00am - 12:00pm**



**WHY:** Bishop encourages all parishioners and volunteers within all Parishes to attend Awareness Training.  
All Volunteers who hold a WWCC for their role within the parish are required to attend Awareness and  
Mandatory Reporting and Reportable Conduct Training.

If you are a **Volunteer** can you please email your details to: [mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au)

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased**

Mark Taylor, John Bourke, Carmel Jeffery, Denise O'Donnell.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

Val Spears, Barrington Pheloung, Sister Carthage Kelly, Kevin Leroy, Eva & Daniel  
Maher, John Holmes, Ned & Cora Cook, Antonio Pinna, Joseph & Keith Walker.

**As a faith community, we pray with our brothers and sisters in their time of need:**

Paul Murphy, Martin Taylor, Jan Mangleson, Anne Carolan.

*(Due to Privacy Laws, names are only placed on this list when requested by the sick person or family member and will remain on  
this list for at least 6 weeks. As we are not aware if illness improves or continues, you are welcome to make a  
further request for inclusion)*



**Deceased priests of the Diocese - October**

**Frs:** James Duffy, William Byrne, Patrick Kiely, John Dalton, John Patrick Curran, +Norman  
Thomas Gilroy *Card. Archbishop of Sydney*, John Henry FitzPatrick, George C Barry, Synan  
McDonald, Alexander Fillodeau, Cyril Commins.

*International Exhibition*  
**THE EUCHARISTIC  
MIRACLES  
OF THE WORLD**

**St Brigid's Primary School in Our Lady of Sorrows Parish** are hosting an upcoming *Eucharistic exhibition* that we believe will be of great interest to your parish community.

**MON 20 - SUN 26 OCTOBER**

**ST BRIGID'S PARISH HALL**

**WIANGAREE STREET ENTRANCE, KYOGLE**

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition, created by St. Carlo Acutis, features over 130 scientifically documented Eucharistic miracles from across the globe — some dating back to the 8th century.

This inspiring international display invites visitors to explore the connection between faith, science, and the mystery of the Eucharist, through the legacy of a modern teenager whose devotion continues to inspire millions. The exhibition will also include the opportunity to venerate a relic of St. Carlo Acutis.

***An A4 poster is displayed on the table in the church, with further details.***



**Bishop Gregory Homeming - Prayers Philippines**

The Bishop has asked us to please pray for the victims of the earthquakes in CEBU, Philippines and most importantly for Sr Dedith Moralde's family which lives there.

Due to power outages and the devastation caused by the earthquake, she has been unable to reach her relatives in Daanbantayan, CEBU.

***Let us help by praying for their safety.***

**Dear Fellow Lismore Christians,**

For the past three years, Lismore Anglicans have held a Christmas event call 'Bethlehem Revisited' in the grounds of St Andrew's Church, Zadoc Street Lismore.

**In 2025, *Bethlehem Revisited* will be on Saturday 13th December 5.30pm until 8.30pm at St Andrews.**

The event has proved to be popular with the general public. It has been an excellent way to reach out and connect with the community during the Christmas season to direct people's thinking toward the birth of Jesus.

We would love to encourage all the Christian churches in Lismore and surrounds to become part of this opportunity to bring understanding and joy from this gift that God has given - to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.



**What we aim to do... Bethlehem Re Visited 2025**

To create a community event that demonstrates Christian Unity in Lismore as Christians come together to celebrate Christmas with a Jesus focus.

To recreate the streets and characters of Bethlehem in a way that leads visitors to an understanding of the people, place and time where Jesus, the Son of God was born.

To provide an immersive experience for children and their families that is entertaining, hands on, interactive and surprising.

To promote Jesus who was and continues to be a free Gift from God, an advocate of Love and Peace and Saviour to all who believe.





Save  
the Date

### WEEKLY

#### **Confession:**

Thursdays 5-5.20 pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Brunswick Heads

### MONTHLY

#### **Sunday Morning Tea:**

1st Sunday  
St John's Church, Mullumbimby,  
after Mass

#### **Coffee Gathering:**

2nd Wednesday 10.30 am,  
Mullumbimby Ex Services Club

#### **Rosary Team Meeting:**

2nd Saturday  
Location will be advised each  
month

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Safeguarding Awareness Training:**

5 November 10 am-12 pm  
St John's Church

### HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH WEEKLY MASSES

#### **St Finbarr's, BYRON BAY**

Friday 9.30 am  
Saturday 6 pm

#### **St Kevin's, BANGALOW**

Sunday 9.30 am



## ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Link to St John's Primary School Newsletter

[St John's Primary School Mullumbimby eNewsletter](#)



## We are on School Holidays

Wishing you all a blessed and restful break.  
*Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's*

School Holidays



## ROSARY TEAM MEETING

Next Rosary Team meeting to be held on

**Saturday 11 October 9.30am** at Kay McDonagh's home,

310 Kennedy Lane, Myocum **phone 0429 497 100**

*New members very welcome, please phone Kay to advise.*



## JUBILEE OF MARIAN SPIRITUALITY 11-12 October 2025

The *Jubilee of Marian Spirituality* recognises  
the ways that devotion to the  
Blessed Virgin Mary can strengthen the faith  
life of individuals and, in turn, the Church.

## PRAYER

Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call.  
Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our  
own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love,  
especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our  
faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light  
for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the  
dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

*(From Lumen Fidei, n.60, 2013)*

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